## **NASA Advisory Council Finding**

## Office of STEM Engagement - Statute

Name of Committee: STEM Engagement Committee

Chair of Committee: Dr. Aimee Kennedy

Date of Council Public Deliberation: December 10, 2018

Short Title of Finding: Office of STEM Engagement –

Statute

Finding: The Council finds that the statute that governs the NASA Office of STEM Engagement appears to limit its ability to nationally scale their programs and outreach. The majority of the budget allocated to the Office of STEM Engagement is partitioned to specific categories of institutions and programs. The NAC STEM Engagement Committee plans to learn more about the current efforts of the Office to achieve national scale, and recognizes that understanding evidence-based practices for sparking STEM engagement and motivation is a critical first step in the discussion around scale.